

Over 400 young musicians to perform at "Music Office 45th+ Anniversary Gala"

More than 400 young musicians from the band, orchestras and choirs of the Music Office (MO) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will come together at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall at 8pm on April 1 (Monday) to showcase their talent at the "Music Office 45th+ Anniversary Gala". The concert marks the finale of the "Carry the Music On" concert series, a commemorative programme in celebration of the MO transcending beyond its 45-year mark.

An array of delightful music pieces will be brought to the audience by the Music Office Youth Choir, the Music Office Children's Choir, the Hong Kong Youth Strings, the Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band and the Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra under the batons of three MO instructors and alumni Dr Joseph Kam, Lee Sing-wan and Kwok Kin-ming, and MO instructor Lai Wing-yan. Two MO instructors and alumni Kevin Ling and Ho Shun-yin will also serve as soprano saxophone soloist and piano accompanist respectively, celebrating together with the young musicians the distinguished accomplishments of the MO in over 45 years.

Programme highlights include choral works "Fill the World with Music" and "Lift Your Voice and Rejoice!" by American composers David Waggoner and Victor C Johnson respectively; "Sinfonia for String Orchestra", which encompasses the inner struggles and aspirations of the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich; Italian composer Giacomo Puccini's "Crisantemi, SC 65" and an intermezzo from "Manon Lescaut"; an orchestral masterpiece, "Prelude to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg", by German composer Richard Wagner; a symphonic band work "Der Magnetberg (The Magnetic Mountain)" inspired by the classic story "One Thousand and One Nights"; and a Chinese orchestral work "The Silk Road Fantasia Suite", which brings the audience on a journey to the ancient Silk Road.

Awards will be presented to outstanding trainees and members of the MO's band, orchestras and choirs at the concert.

Tickets priced at \$80, \$100 and \$120 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2796 1003 or 3842 7784 or visit

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